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TAGS: CPRS, YO (DOYCHIN, VLADIMIR WALLY)

SUBJECT: CONSULAR VISIT TO AMCIT

REF: BELGRADE 1372, BELGRADE 1432

1. SUMMARY: ON MAR 29 LOCAL OFFICIALS FOR SECOND TIME ALLOWED CONSULAR OFFICER TO VISIT DUAL NATIONAL DOYCHIN, WHO IS BEING HELD IN PROKUPLJE JAIL ON CHARGES OF ANTI-GOY ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. DOYCHIN HAD ASKED PRISON OFFICIALS TO CONTACT EITHER OF TWO LOCAL LAWYERS TO REPRESENT HIM, BUT THE LAWYER HAD FAILED TO RESPOND. AN ASSISTANT JUDGE SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT THEY WERE RELUCTANT TO TAKE THE CASE.

3. DOYCHIN AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO RETURN TO THE U.S. WHENEVER HE IS RELEASED. HE SAID HE HAD COME TO YUGOSLAVIA ONLY BECAUSE OF ASSURANCES GIVEN BY YUGOSLAV CONGEN IN SAN FRANCISCO, LJUBOMIR LJUBIC, THAT HIS PREVIOUS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS.

4. DOYCHIN ASKED THAT THE DEPT ALSO ADVISE HIS DAUGHTER TO CONTACT THE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL, 15 N. DEARBORN ST., CHICAGO AND THE SHRINE IN LOS ANGELES ABOUT HIS ARREST.

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5. THIRD CONSULAR VISIT PLANNED FOR APRIL 8.

6. COMMENT: THIS SECOND VISIT TO DOYCHIN WAS POSSIBLE PROBABLY BECAUSE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FSFA) APPARENTLY NOT YET AWARE OF ARREST. IN THE PAST, AS DEPT AWARE, FSFA HAS NOT PERMITTED CONSULAR ACCESS TO DUAL NATIONALS. NOTIFICATION OF ARREST MIGHT PREVENT FURTHER VISITS TO DOYCHIN, HOWEVER IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THIS CASE COULD CAUSE, AND IN ORDER LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED IN EFFORT SECURE HIS RELEASE, CONSUL HAS INFORMED FSFA CONSULAR OFFICIALS OF ARREST AND WILL DISCUSS CASE IN DETAIL ON APRIL 3. NOTEWORTHY THAT ARREST STILL HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN PRESS.

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